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LDEQ's EnviroSchool to host webinar: Cleaning Louisiana's Air - Understanding Air Quality Standards

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's (LDEQ) EnviroSchool will host a webinar on Cleaning Louisiana's Air: Understanding Air Quality Standards. This session will focus on the six criteria pollutants for which standards are set, where Louisiana fits into each and the results that can be achieved when areas are designated 'nonattainment' for a criteria pollutant.

When: 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12

Online: Live Webinar Only

Please register by emailing enviroschool@la.gov.

A State Implementation Plan (SIP) is a collection of regulations and documents used by a state, territory or local air district to implement, maintain and enforce the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, or NAAQS, and to fulfill other requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA). Under the CAA, a SIP must be developed by each state that has areas designated 'nonattainment' or for special programs, such as Regional Haze. Included in the SIP requirements are established systems to monitor, compile and analyze data on air quality.

There are six criteria pollutants for which standards are set: carbon monoxide pollution, lead air pollution, nitrogen oxide pollution, ozone pollution, particulate matter pollution and sulfur dioxide pollution. The state of Louisiana is in attainment for all the NAAQS criteria pollutants except for two small areas out of attainment for SO₂. However, the entire state is in attainment for ozone and fine particulate matter (PM 2.5).

The EnviroSchool program at LDEQ is the environmental education outreach arm of the agency and provides training for communities, businesses, and other organizations on a number of regulatory topics. The program aims to inform attendees about the environmental regulatory process and to maintain and improve environmental compliance.

The workshops are free and open to the public. If you are interested, please feel free to register for any of our workshops. For more information, go to <http://deq.louisiana.gov/page/enviroschool> or email EnviroSchool at Enviroschool@la.gov.

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